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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 8th November, 1897. [9

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.
INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum.
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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [10

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital£1,000,000
Paid up Capital£ 324,374

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

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G. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
On Current Account, Daily Balances 2 per Cent. per Annum.
Hongkong, 30th November, 1897. [8

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE:—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP£800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS£800,000
RESERVE FUND£375,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balances.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.
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" " " 3 " ... 2½ "
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 2nd June, 1897. [31

Insurances.

NORWICH UNION FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY.

ESTABLISHED 1797.

AMOUNT INSURED.....£330,000,000
LOSSES PAID£12,350,000
PREMIUM INCOME£872,000
The Agency of the above Society at Hongkong having this day been transferred to us we are prepared to issue Fire policies at the lowest Current Rates of premium.
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co
Hongkong, 10th December, 1897. [1-m 1829

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.
SIEMSSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [18

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 EQUAL TO$833,333.33.
RESERVE FUND$318,000.00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
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LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO AMEL

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1897. [29

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.
CHAU TSEUNG FAT,
Secretary.
HEAD OFFICE,
No. 5, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 16th May, 1894. [30

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
LONDON	*Malacca*	H. E. Kitcat, R.N.R.	Noon, 7th Jan.	Freight or Passage.
JAPAN, &c.	*Rohilla*	S. de B. Lockyer, R.N.R.	About 10th Jan.	Freight or Passage. *via* SHANGHAI.
LONDON &c. ...	*Thames*	E. R. Dowell, R.N.R.	Noon, 13th Jan.	See Special Advertisement.
JAPAN, &c.	*Shanghai*	E. P. Bishop	About 13th Jan.	Freight or Passage. *via* SHANGHAI.
LONDON	*Java*	J. Chellew, R.N.R.	About 21st Jan.	Freight or Passage.

For Further Particulars apply to
H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.
Hongkong, 6th January, 1898. [5

XERES VERMOUTH

Made from PURE XERES SHERRY.

THE TRUE COMBINATION OF A *BAMBOO.*
SAMPLES FREE.
$11 per doz. litre Bottles.

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SOLE AGENTS:
H. PRICE & CO.,
No. 12, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
Hongkong, 6th January, 1898. [20

HAVE YOU TRIED IT?
WHAT? WHY, THAT BEAUTIFUL

AMERICAN BUTTER

AT

THE HONGKONG BUTCHERY.

$1.60 PER ROLL,

OR IN PATS AT 20 CENTS AND 40 CENTS PER PAT.

Hongkong, 2nd December, 1897. [23

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IMMENSE STOCK OF
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AND
LINOLEUMS.
400 SQUARE YARDS TO A PATTERN.
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1898. [17

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THE
CLUB HOTEL,
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No. 5-B, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL Centrally situated, well furnished and supplied with excellent Cuisine and Good Wines.
The Company's Steam-launch attends the arrival and departure of all Mail Steamers.
Special attention paid to the Comfort of Visitors.
E. V. SIOEN, Manager.
Yokohama, 1st October, 1897. [36

Intimations.

UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY. LIMITED.

SOLE AGENTS IN
HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS,
FOR THE
UNITED ASBESTOS COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON,
CONTRACTORS TO H.M. GOVERNMENT.
MANUFACTURERS OF THE
Best Qualities of ASBESTOS GOODS and PACKINGS.
HYDRAULIC and SELF LUBRICATING PUMP PACKINGS of all kinds.
"VICTOR" METALLIC BOILER JOINTS.
ASBESTOS SALAMANDER BOILER COVERING COMPOSITION of the best quantities.
ESTIMATES given for every DESCRIPTION of WORK.
SUPERINTENDENT.....THOS. SKINNER.
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1350 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL.

A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL adjoining the Tramway Terminus. FINE HEALTHY LOCATION. Commanding Magnificent View of the City and Harbour, the Mainland of China, and numerous Islands. Cool southerly breezes in Summer, with perfect protection against the North-East winds in winter.
A Covered Way has been constructed from the Station to the Hotel.
THE HOTEL IS NOW UNDER EUROPEAN MANAGEMENT.
GEO. J. CASANOVA, *Manager.*
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CHAMPAGNE.	1 doz. quarts,	2 doz. pints.
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WHISKY.	**1 doz. bottle.**	
DEWAR'S "IMPERIAL INSTITUTE"	$10.50	
McCREADIE'S "SPECIALLY SELECTED"	10.50	
PORT WINE.	**1 doz. bottle.**	
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Agents.
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HAVE NOW A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF ATKINSON'S PERFUMES AND ARE SOLE MANUFACTURERS OF
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Sole Agents for VIN PASTEUR the great French Nerve Tonic.
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"A PERFECT TABLE WATER."

"An Aerated Water of the Highest quality both from a Manufacturing and Sanitary point of view."—JOHN MUTER, Ph.D., F.R.S. (Edin.), London (Past President of the Society of Public Analysts of Great Britain.

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TELEPHONE—75.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,
Agents.
15, *Queen's Road.*
Hongkong, 16th December, 1897. [15

W. BREWER & CO.

HAVE RECEIVED A LARGE AND NEW STOCK OF
CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR CARDS
ALSO
A SPLENDID SELECTION OF *JUVENILE* AND OTHER BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS—BOUND EDITIONS OF THE POETS—OIL COLOUR BOXES —WATER COLOR BOXES—ALBUMS AND LEATHER GOODS IN GREAT VARIETY—PRICES TO SUIT ALL BUYERS.
Hongkong, 16th December, 1897. [16

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HIGH CLASS DINNER WINES.

OLD BURGUNDIES—Vintages 1878 to 1885. From Galletto Jeune et Chanlon, Established 1766
RED:—Médoc, Julienas, Fleurie, Savigny, Beaune, Nuits, Pommard, and Bourgognes.
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White, Red, and Rose BOURGOGNES. White, Red, and Rose POMMARDS.
GOLD PRIZE MEDALS awarded in numerous European Exhibitions.
CHAMPAGNE:—VIX-BARA—Avize (Campagne) Established 1863. CARTE BLANCHE, CARTE NOIRE and CARTE ROSE, Diplome d'Honneur, the highest award in the International Exhibition at Amsterdam, 1895.
GOLD MEDALS at Nice and Anvers Exhibitions 1894, and several other Exhibitions.
PORTS—(Direct from Oporto).
PORTO-DUQUE *Extra*, PORTO VELHO SUPERIOR (Old Superior) and PORTO
BURGUNDIES and CHAMPAGNE in Cases of 1 dozen quarts or 2 dozen pints.
PORTS per dozen quarts or Casks of 5 dozen quarts.
PRICE LIST on application to
L. M. ALVARES & CO.,
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PARISIAN BONBONNIÈRES
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Large and Varied Collection of the Latest and Most Beautiful Novelties. Specialities in Round and Square Boxes, where the Contents is the chief object.
WE INVITE YOU TO CALL AT
The Apothecaries Hall, WATKINS & CO. [14.

Intimations.

S. G. HILL, D.D.S.,
AMERICAN DENTIST.
WINDSOR HOTEL, No. 16, *Queen's Road.*
OFFICE HOURS:—
10 to 12 A.M. 2 to 3 P.M.
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1897. [1-m 50

NOTICE.

A EUROPEAN, aged 22, seeks to fill a Vacancy in a MERCANTILE FIRM. Has had several years experience in Office Work, with a fair knowledge of SHORTHAND, BOOK-KEEPING and CORRESPONDENCE.
Apply to
"X."
c/o *Hongkong Telegraph* Office.
Hongkong, 4th January, 1898. [37

IMPERIAL KWANGTUNG LOAN OF 1894.

PAYMENT OF INTEREST AND PART PRINCIPAL.

(FIFTH PERIOD.)

NOTICE is hereby given that the Warrants for Interest on, and re-payment of Part Principal of, the Bonds of the IMPERIAL KWANGTUNG LOAN OF 1894 will be ready for issue on the 3rd January, 1898, (the due date, 2nd January, being SUNDAY) at the OFFICE of the Imperial Maritime Customs, Canton.
E. B. DREW,
Commissioner of Customs.
Custom House,
Canton, 30th December, 1897. [1929

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THERE will be a SPOON COMPETITION on SATURDAY, the 8th inst., Commencing at 2.30 P.M.
RANGES, 800 and 900 yards.
Entrance, 30 cents.
A. CHAPMAN,
Hon. Sec.
Hongkong, 4th January, 1898. [35

LEVY HERMANOS.

DIAMOND MERCHANTS, JEWELLERS AND WATCHMAKERS.
Sole Agents in the East for the amalgamated CLEMENT, HUMBER and GLADIATOR Co., Ld., DUNLOP TYRE'S BICYCLES—PRICE...$185.
A special reliable Watch made for this Climate.
Quality A.....$16
Quality B.....$12
10, *QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,*
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DENTISTRY.

MR. SUI SANG,
(Lately Practising with Dr. I. SAKATA),
DENTIST,
No. 55, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1898. [52

Entertainment.

CITY HALL.

ST. GEORGE'S HALL.

PROFESSOR MERCK
will give a
FAREWELL CONCERT
Under the Patronage and in the Presence of H.E. the GOVERNOR, Sir Wm. ROBINSON, G.C.M.G.
TO-MORROW,
(FRIDAY), the 7th January, 1898, at 9 o'clock punctually.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.
1. Concert for Violoncello Servais
Professor Merck.
2. Concert-Etude for Piano Rubenstein
Mr. Emil Dannenberg.
3. Song for Contralto
Mrs. Hand.
4. (a) Hymn to St. Cæcelia Gounod
(b) Neapolitan Song Casella

PART II.
1. Trio—Andante and Finale.....Bargiel
W. Giraud, Violin; Prof. Merck, Violoncello; Mr. Geo. P. Lammert, Piano.
2. (a) Solemnity.....
(b) Merry making Popper
Professor Merck.
3. Scherzo for Piano Chopin
Mr. Emil Dannenberg.
4. (a) Romance Servais
(b) At the Fountain Davidoff
(c) Vito—Spanish Dance Popper
(by special request)
Professor Merck.

ADMISSION$2
Plan at Messrs. W. ROBINSON & Co's Music Warehouse.
Hongkong, 4th January, 1898. [60

Notice of Firms.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

DURING my temporary absence from the Colony, Mr. Y. SHIGAKI will take charge of this OFFICE.
By Order,
A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1898. [59

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY in our FIRM of Mr. ST. C. MICHAELSEN, who wishes to retire from China, ceased on the 31st December, 1897.
MELCHERS & Co.
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1898. [51

NOTICE.

MR. O. STRUCKMEYER has This Day been authorised to sign our FIRM per procuration here and in China.
SIEMSSEN & CO.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1898. [61

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG SMOKING CONCERT CLUB.

THE FIRST CONCERT of the Season will be held at the THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, on SATURDAY, the 15th January, 1898, at 9.15 P.M.

MEMBERS who have not received TICKETS for this season can obtain the same on Application to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. R. T. WRIGHT, or the Undersigned.

J. F. A. HASTINGS, R.N., *Hon. Secretary.*

Hongkong, 6th January, 1898 [69

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

WE have This Day REMOVED to No. 2, PRAYA CENTRAL.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1898. [70

TO THE DEAF!

A RICH LADY cured of her deafness and noises in the Head by Dr. NICHOLSON'S Artificial Ear Drums sent £1000 to his Institute so that Deaf Persons who have not the means to procure the Ear Drums may have them free. Apply by letter to—C. G. BRIGHT, Secretary, 54, Bow Lane London, E.C. [72

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR CHEFOO.

THE Company's Steamship

"HUNAN,"

Captain Frazier, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 7th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1898. [48

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAILOONG,"

Captain Hall, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 8th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1898. [74

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship

"SUNGKIANG,"

Captain Dodd, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 8th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1898. [55

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship

"ESMERALDA,"

Captain Tayler, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 8th instant, at 5 P.M.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers and is fitted with the Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1898. [68

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.

THE Company's Chartered Steamship

"NANYANG,"

Captain Lehmann, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 9th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1898. [73

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE. (Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, &c.)

THE Steamship

"GUTHRIE,"

Captain Craig will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 18th instant, at 4 P.M.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA are available for return by the Steamers of the CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY and *vice versa*.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1898. [66

MOGUL-WARRACK-MILBURN LINE.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"PORT ADELAIDE,"

to sail about the 26th January, 1898.

S.S. "GHAZEE," about 20th Feb., 1898.
S.S. "ARGYLL," about 5th March, 1898.
S.S. "PATHAN" about 20th March, 1898.
S.S. "LENNOX," about 10th April, 1898.
S.S. "ENERGIA" about 30th April, 1898.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1898. [1913

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"HANSEAT,"

Captain C. Hamse, will be despatched as above on or about the 31st instant.

To be followed by the
S.S. "LYDERHORN" on or about 15th Feb., 1898.
S.S. "ORWELL" on or about 28th Feb., 1898.

For Freight, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1898. [67

To-day's Advertisement.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, at his Sales Rooms, Zetland Street, No. 2, ON SATURDAY, the 8th January, 1898, Commencing at 2.30 P.M.,

A QUANTITY OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND BLACKWOOD WARE.

Comprising:—

DRAWING ROOM SUITES, MARBLE-TOP WASHING STANDS, DOUBLE and SINGLE WARDROBES, SIDEBOARDS, OVERMANTLES, CHESTS of DRAWERS, WRITING and OFFICE DESKS, TOILET TABLES, CENTRE TABLES, EASY CHAIRS, DOUBLE and SINGLE IRON BEDSTEADS, AMERICAN STANDARD LAMPS, BLACKWOOD CABINETS EASELS, TABLES, &c. CROCKERY, GLASSWARE, PLATED WARE, CUTLERY, &c., &c., &c.

1 HAMMOND'S TYPEWRITER.
1 GENTLEMAN'S BICYCLE, complete with Lamp.
1 LADY'S BICYCLE complete with Lamp, QUITE NEW!

On View at the Undersigned's from FRIDAY, the 7th inst.

Catalogues issued prior to Sale.

TERMS OF SALE:—As Customary.

PAUL BREWITT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1898. [65

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, *VICTORIA DISPENSARY*, HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

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RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSES and other Large Consumers.

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Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [30

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ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

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ALL these are selected by our London House, bought direct at first hand, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply the best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be ordered to be decanted at the Dispensary before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner Wines of very superior Vintages. All are true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Clarets, including the lowest priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and currants, as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure Cognac, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKY.—All our Whisky is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brand in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKY marked "E" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD. THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1897. [7

BIRTHS.

At East Point, Hongkong, on the 6th January, the wife of R. ADAM, of a Daughter. [71

On the 16th December, at the Inspectors' Quarters, Kandang Kerbau Police Station, Singapore, the wife of Inspector E. BUGDEN, of a daughter.

On the 17th December, at "Sans Souci," Singapore, the wife of J. M. BROWN, prematurely, of a daughter (stillborn).

MARRIAGE.

At All Saints', Eastbourne, on the 16th Nov., by the Revd. O. M. Holden, M.A., B.C.L., vicar of Galley-Cum-Hatherton, Staffs., and Chaplain of the Order of St. John, assisted by the Revd. R. Salisbury Woodward, M.A., vicar of All Saints', EDWARD M. ALEXANDER, of Singapore, to ISABELLA T. FLEMING, daughter of the late Archibald Struthers, Neligherry, Jersey.

DEATH.

At the General Hospital, Singapore, on the 19th December, of enteric fever, W. R. WEBB, of the Kampong Glam Government English School Aged 28.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 1898.

HOW THE WORLD GOES WRONG.

When war broke out between China and Japan in 1894, the whole world was remarkably unanimous at first in pitying the plucky but over-rash Japanese, who of course had not a shadow of a chance to stand against a colossal power like China. The first few fights went against the Chinese; still, all the world knew—in fact, these preliminary canters just made it so much the more certain—that Japan had no staying power, no real strength, and as soon as China might bethink herself to get to work fighting in earnest, the Japanese Empire would cease to exist. It would be a most deplorable set-back to the cause of Western civilisation among Oriental races, if a progressive and pro-European nation suffered defeat in a contest with the race that typified everything objectionable. It was a pity, everybody agreed, to see such bright, intelligent people as the Japanese courting destruction at the hands of the dull, dirty, unhandsome Chinese; but what must be, must be.

Well, what must be, didn't. The world was wrong, even the *Hongkong Telegraph* was as grievously in error as anybody. Now, it is most desirable to find out, if we can, how such gross miscalculations came to be made. How is it that, when all the Powers of Europe were standing by to save Japan at the psychological moment for the sake of civilisation, and in the cause of humanity, they suddenly found the danger was all on the other side, and they had to save China from Japan for the sake of preserving their own "balance of power?" It was a huge mistake, which when exposed startled Europe, and created a ludicrous scare; it set the Germ an Emperor designing allegorical pictures, foreshadowing a threatened conquest of the Christian world by Pagan Japan unless "the nations of Europe arise and defend their most cherished possessions!" It led to sensational predictions in every quarter, based on traditions of TAMERLANE KUBLA KHAN, ATTILLA, and other deceased persons. And then the wiseacres (including ourselves, we must admit) went into fantastic speculations as to a commercial and industrial conquest of the world by Japan. Of course, this sudden magnifying of Japan was as mistaken as the minimising which preceded it; it was the reaction, the swing of the pendulum of public misjudgment.

Now, how does the world go wrong so wonderfully? And how may we avoid such huge blunders in future? It is worth studying, for the consequences are great and lasting. Everything depends on an accurate understanding of the situation just now, and on a reliable estimate of the factors which are working at the present most critical moment. And at this moment we have an illustration of the means by which the world is misled.

We have seen in a Singapore paper a remarkably misleading article by an officer of the Rifle Brigade, fully exemplifying the mischief made and the erroneous ideas propagated by the "giddy globe-trotter who writes a book." This officer had three months' leave in Japan and Vladivostock while his regiment was in Hongkong, and on the strength of this he hastens to misinform the world on the subject of what he saw—and what he says he saw. Judging from the picturesque inaccuracy of what he says about Japan, we are bound to warn the public against what he says of Vladivostock also; we have no personal knowledge of the latter place but of the former we know enough to affirm that Captain TALBOT's description bristles with globe-trotterish Munchausenisms. It is written in a racy, readable style, and will be widely read and quoted by people who know no better, and the world will again go wrong in its notions to a corresponding extent. An example of his incorrectness—let us quote Sir W. ROBINSON, and designate the untruth as "unfortunately and unintentionally misleading"—is in the following paragraph:—

> Yokohama is typical of the Japan of to-day; railways, overhead wires, and electric light, side by side with rickshaws kimonos, and Japanese lanterns; I once saw an electric tramcar stopped by a policeman because two men had met on the line and were bowing their seven heads repeatedly to the earth, having first deposited their umbrellas on the ground between them. It is a curious blending of East and West; and the same thought strikes one when, walking through a village in the evening, one finds all the ladies sitting in hip-baths in the middle of the road.

The tramcar yarn is manifestly apocryphal; there is no electric line in Yokohama at all, and never was. But when a traveller seriously tells tales like this—when, let us rather say, thousands of travellers follow the fashion like flocks of sheep, and all tell tales in the same style—people form a totally erroneous estimate of the Japanese; and that is how it was such a shock to the world to find that Japan was a serious factor in politics, a power to be reckoned with, instead of a toy museum of Gilbertian absurdities, as Captain TALBOT and his sort all imply. The propagation of dangerous misconceptions is a pleasing pastime much in vogue with the giddy galoots who spend a few days in a place and then break out into *cocolithes scribendi* with crimson spots. When he says "all the ladies sitting in hip-baths in the middle of the road," he means (1) not all, but one or two once in a while; (2) not ladies but coolie-women, peasantry of the poorest sort; (3) not hip-baths, for there is no such thing among Japanese, (4) not in the middle of the road, (5) not in the road at all but in their own back yards visible from the road—if you look! With this discount, we can support his statement from our own observation.

The able and observant taraddidler asserts in cold blood that "English is now the official language in Japan." If the gallant officer and gentleman knows what his own words mean, he is a liar; if he doesn't, he is a fool to say them. English is not the official language of Japan, any more than French is in England, and is not more generally understood. Probably the number of people in England who would not be hopelessly at sea in France, far exceeds the number of Japanese who could find their way about in England. There are English characters on railway tickets; there are Chinese characters on the Malay States railway tickets too. He says "English is taught in all the schools;" he means (or should mean) that in some it is and in others it isn't and the number is rather less than that of schools in England where German is taught. He repeats the ancient fiction that "until a few years ago trade was only carried on by the very lowest class," which is a Japanese lie propagated to excuse their commercial immorality. As a matter of fact, one of the very best families in the land has been wholly engaged in trade for generations, and there are thousands of old and honourable trading houses. To get down to specific cases, there are many—we cannot guess any particular number, but certainly thousands of respectable houses now in business, dating from before the country was opened; and that is a generation ago already. So the "very lowest class" means "some class not low at all." Japan is a contradictious country, and we are not blaming Captain Talbot; we only deplore the harm that is done by him and others, and try our best to counteract it, because the dissemination of utterly erroneous views is a cumulative evil with sometimes very serious consequences.

So it is well that the public should be warned not to believe this yarn which Captain TALBOT so irily reels off. He may be more truthful about Vladivostock and the Russians than about Yokohama and the Japanese, for all we know; but he errs on the voyage. He says he went on a Japanese steamer taking a cargo of cotton wool to Siberia, while we feel certain there never way any such shipload sent from any Japanese port to any place in the world. Also he says the Korean hat is made of wire, which is untrue. Also he says a bachelor is not allowed to sit nor smoke in presence of a married man in Korea, which is a very feeble Munchausenism. The late lamented Baron was at least thrilling. This amateur Munchausen is interesting at times, but his inventiveness is not sufficiently amusing to steer clear of the danger of seriously misleading. People would read for amusement, but retain the erroneous impressions; and that is how the world goes wrong.

PITY THE POOR POSTMASTER.

A striking instance of the inadequacy of our Postal service, even as regards that section of its work which is wholly within the colony itself, has come under notice in connection with the Bankruptcy Court proceedings to-day. The Bankruptcy Ordinance specifies that when a debtor offers to compound with his creditors the latter are to be called by circular to meet and confirm or reject the proposal. It is also laid down in the Ordinance that such circulars are to be *posted*. Probably when the Ordinance was passed the not unreasonable idea was entertained that the Post Office would convey letters, &c., to all parts of the colony. It was an imagining of vain things, however, and the result is that if a letter is posted for any outside village, the sender need not be surprised at having it returned to him undelivered. We hear that even places four miles outside the city are out of bounds as far as the Post Office is concerned. It is also stated that the delivery staff is not large enough to permit of deliveries to all parts of the colony. This seems to be an extraordinary state of affairs. In the remotest little one-horse township in Australia the mails are sent to stations many miles away with the greatest regularity and promptness, and surely in a place like Hongkong the whole of the small area could be brought within the scope of the Postal service. As matters now stand the Official Receiver must feel somewhat in the position of being between the devil and the deep sea, and he may probably find a lot of disappointed creditors about his ears some of these fine days.

It is perhaps this four-mile limit which explains a peculiar incident brought to our notice some time ago and not published then for reasons which are now immaterial. A letter was sent to the Post Office to be registered, but the P. O. clerk told the messenger "This is addressed to Quarry Bay, so you can take it yourself to Butterfield & Swire's office on the Praya Reclamation, *makes* the Post Office." The coolie took the letter back to his employer (the sender) and reported progress. The sender then went to the Post Office and said he wanted to have the letter registered and forwarded. The P. O. clerk repeated his remark about the town office of B. & S., and turned away as if that closed the discussion. The letter was not for B. & S., nor for anybody in their employ, nor on their premises, nor in any way connected with them; it was simply for somebody at Quarry Bay. As well might all letters addressed to Pokfulam be left at the town office of the Dairy Farm, all chits for the Peak be left at 38 Queen's Road Central, all Kowloon mails at the New Victoria Hotel bar or the Dock Company's office. It is high time to establish a Post Office that is a Post Office.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

GREAT BRITAIN, CHINA AND THE POWERS.

LONDON, January 4th.

Reuter's Agency learns that, whatever privilege another Power may obtain from China, Great Britain will demand adequate compensation, and will do her utmost to uphold the existing rights of China. [We will believe it when we see it.]

DISASTER IN ONTARIO.

At a meeting in the City Hall in London, Ontario, a part of the flooring collapsed, killing 28 and injuring 100 persons.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE buying rate for sovereigns is $10.59 per £.

FALLING again! The $ was only worth 1s. 10⅞ to-day.

THE execution of the three Bird Street murderers has been fixed to take place in Victoria Gaol on Wednesday morning.

AT the Bankruptcy Court to-day Aga Mahomed Ally Shirazee, whose examination was closed on 26th November last, was adjudged a bankrupt.

THE worst school in the Malay Peninsula, according to Mr. W. D. Scott, is that at Ulu Tiang, Negri Sembilan. "It has been opened five years, yet out of twenty-one boys present on my visit, only one could do a single addition sum of two rows of figures."

WELL done the American Hen!—In 1894, the American hen—says a Far West Exchange—produced four times the value of all the gold mines in the United States, and will probably continue to do so right along in all the years to come! And as for the amount of cackle, the Eagle beats everything.

THERE are at present in Singapore a couple of rhinoceroses, a mother and her calf. They were captured by natives on the western side of the Peninsula, and have been acquired by Mr. S. Mayer, who has been on the look-out for specimens in Trengganu. The mother is full-grown, and weighs about a ton and a half.

FOR real downright morbid curiosity it's hard to beat the Chinese. A proof of this was seen at the Magistracy when the Shelley Street murder case was over. The whole of the Court yard outside was simply crowded with Celestials of all sorts shoving and pushing each other in order to see the prisoner, and the windows of the waiting room were crowded with eager sightseers as thick as flies round a treacle cask.

THE King of Siam arrived at Bangkok on the 14th ulto. in the Royal yacht *Maha Chakri* from Singapore. Great preparations were made at Bangkok to receive the King. All the steamers in port went down river to meet his Majesty; a special post-card was issued by the Postal authorities; there was a fancy dress dance on the 28th; and to the end of January there will be a constant round of festivities.

THE *Siam Free Press* (9th ulto.) says:—Whilst a little girl was bathing in the river at Bangkolem, last evening, she had the misfortune to meet with her death by being struck by that formidable fish known as the electric eel. Her cries attracted the neighbours who promptly sent for a Siamese doctor living in the neighbourhood, but as soon as he saw the poor girl groaning in pain he pronounced her beyond all human aid. From the attack to the unfortunate girl's death was only a matter of from thirty to forty minutes.

THE *Aberdeen Journal* contains an analysis of the nationality of the Gordon Highlanders killed and wounded at Dargai. Of the total of forty-three, twenty-five are Scotch, fifteen English, two from Dublin, while one, Lance-Corporal Freestone, was born in Lucknow. Of the Scotchmen, eleven belong to Aberdeen. Of the sixty-seven Gurkhas who fell, before ever the Gordons were sent to follow them up, nobody takes the trouble to trace a single one. As was said in the American Civil War, "the coloured troops fought nobly," and that is thanks enough to them.

THE Norwegian steamer *Astrid* collided with the steamers *Kwatlin* and *Pronto* when entering Moji harbour on the 23rd December. A strong tide was running at the time and there was a stiff westerly wind blowing. The steamer became unmanageable for a time, and collided with both the *Kwatlin* and the *Pronto*. The *Astrid* had one plate stove in, but so far as had been ascertained when this information left Moji neither of the other steamers sustained much injury. The *Astrid*, which is a steamer of 975 tons net, is being repaired at Bakan. There were no less than twenty-five steamers in harbour at Moji on Christmas Day. In the heavy weather that has, according to the *Kobe Herald*, prevailed of late it has been impossible to load vessels at Moji.

AUGUSTINE ANDOYER, cook and steward on the British barque *Sumatra*, was charged at the Harbour Office yesterday with refusing to obey the lawful orders of the master of the vessel Mr. Thomas Jones. The master stated that he was dissatisfied with the man's work and he dismissed him and ordered him to do duty as an ordinary seaman. Since the 27th December defendant had refused duty. After hearing the evidence Comdr. R. M. Rumsey said that though the captain had power to dismiss, dismiss meant the putting of a man to similar work of a lower order and not putting him to entirely different work from that he had shipped for. Therefore the captain had no authority to order a man who was shipped as cook to do duty as an ordinary seaman, although his wages as cook could be reduced. The case would therefore be dismissed.

NOTICE is given by the Coast Inspector that two Range Beacons have been established on the north-eastern slope of Pass Island (Hainan Strait) indicating a bearing of N. 20½ deg. W. to guide vessels through the narrows of Wilson Channel; each Beacon having a diamond-shaped top-mark—the northern one with a white field and the central portion black, and the southern one with a black field and the central portion white. Also, that two Range Beacons have been established on the south-eastern slope of Sint Island, with the summit of the Island (a boulder painted white with a vertical black stripe in the middle) and the middle of Cow's Horn Peak directly in line, bearing N. 8½ deg. W., to guide vessels to the fairway between the reefs which extend from Mitre Rock, and the Chin-nang Rocks, lying about 6 cables E.S.E. from Mitre Rock, the highest of which dries 6 feet at low water springs. Each of these Beacons has a triangular top-mark painted white with a vertical black stripe in the middle—the triangle on the northern one being inverted.

THE Triad Society case is dragging its dreary length along and proceedings advanced another stage to-day, when the thirty-two alleged members once more faced Mr. Wodehouse and crowded in on the counsel in most sociable manner. The Court table as usual presented the appearance of a joss-shrine during a festival and quite a pile of Chinese literature was in evidence. An interpreter to-day was occupied in reading and explaining translations of the documents that were seized. A good deal of time was taken up with the translator and he proved that all the articles produced in Court were mentioned in the manual of the Triad Society which had been seized. The translator said the volume was called "a book of public use not to be taken out of doors," but at the Magistrate's suggestion he called it "a book of common use," and Mr. Dennys said it might be termed "a book of common prayer." The case ended in the first and second prisoners being committed for trial and the thirty others were each fined $25, in default six weeks' hard labour.

Scene:—Hongkong Cricket Ground.

Match, Straits v. Hongkong and Shanghai. Straits batting.

1st Onlooker:—I say, who's that youngster batting now?

2nd Onlooker:—Don't you know? It's McKenzie of Perak.

1st O.:—Oh! he's the bowler, of course, but why do they put him in so early? He's never come off here yet.

2nd O.:—Oh! they are giving Shanghai and Hongkong a chance, and putting inferior bats first.

(*Three hours and a half later McKenzie is out for 168.*)

1st O.:—I say, we were sadly out of it just now! By the way, I've asked him to dinner with me to-night. Will you come?

2nd O.:—Delighted to meet him.

1st O. (9 p.m.):—Grand innings you played, Mr. McKenzie. Some of the chaps were saying you were no good, but I thought different.

2nd O.:—Yes, we both said you were good for too.—*Perak Pioneer.*

THE SHELLEY ST. MURDERS.

At the Magistracy to-day the man charged with the double murder in Shelley Street was brought up on remand.

The Rev. Averisto Torres, of the Spanish Procuration, deposed that he knew the prisoner, who was a rent collector in the employ of the Procuration, and he had been in the same employ for 20 years. He did not know why the murders were committed and he could suggest no reason for it unless it were that he was mad. Witness knew of no quarrel between prisoner and the deceased people. Witness suspected that prisoner was jealous of the deceased. Prisoner had not been in disgrace and had not fallen from favour.

Inspector Hanson said that some years ago prisoner used to have the privilege of buying casks of wine from the mission for sale and afterwards this was taken from him and given to the deceased Li Fat. The Inspector also stated that prisoner had not paid over $1,000 he had received in rent, and he was criminally responsible but the fathers would not prosecute.

To his Worship, Father Torres said that prisoner had been collecting rents for six years. It was about six years ago, when prisoner used to collect all the rents, that his defalcations were discovered. Prisoner was deprived of the wine sales some five months ago. Witness was in the habit of buying medicinal herbs from a vendor in Macao, and up till lately he had done so through the prisoner who used to pay the money. On the day before the murder the herb dealer was given the cheque himself and he asked Li Fat to accompany him to the bank. The people in Macao had asked witness to pay them direct and not through the prisoner. During the last two or three years prisoner was gradually losing his confidence. At times witness thought prisoner was a little mad and his father also was mad. Li Fat, one of the deceased, was a house boy, and witness last saw him alive at 6 o'clock on the 14th November, when he assisted at mass. About two months ago prisoner told witness he was going to the West River where he could get more money, and he also said he was very sorry to go but he was the only support of his family. Prisoner was getting $10 a month up till a year ago when witness gave him an increase of $5.

The next witness was a ward boy from the Government Civil Hospital who deposed that he found the letter produced tied to the right thigh of prisoner, who said in reply to a question that it would explain why he wanted to die.

As the translation of the letter had not been completed the case was adjourned till Saturday next.

THE FRONTIER CAMPAIGN.

THE ATTACK ON GENERAL KEMPSTER'S REAR-GUARD,

HOW COLONEL HAUGHTON SAVED HIS REGIMENT.

A THRILLING NARRATIVE.

(*Times of India* Special Corr.)

Maidan Tirah, November 18th.

The 16th was destined to be a heavy day. The Brigade was to return to Camp Maidan. General Kempster made the following dispositions:—The 1-2nd Gurkhas were to cover the retirement from camp, and the 15th Sikhs to hold the kotal as the 36th withdrew to camp. Everything proceeded admirably, the baggage tail was well over the kotal by 12 o'clock and into Camp Maidan by 3 p.m. But in the meanwhile the Gurkhas had been engaged in a rear-guard action, which, if not actually severe, might at any time have developed seriously, if Colonel Travers had not handled his men admirably, and held each important position skilfully. As it was it cost the regiment an officer and three men killed and three wounded. Consequently the regiment was later in arriving at the kotal than was anticipated, and it arrived a little past three, so done up, that instead of continuing to cover the retirement, it passed through the 15th Sikhs instead, of relieving them, and they remained to cover the rear of the retiring force. At 4 p.m. Colonel Abbott's disposition at the kotal was as follows:—He had two companies under Lieuts. Carey and Gordon south of the ridge, two companies north, two companies under Captain Lewarne and Lieutenant Vivian on the fringe of the wooded spur of Saran Sar, one on the ridge proper, where Colonel Abbott was himself, one in rear under Captain Rowcroft, and one in rear, 800 yards distant, covering the retirement of the Gurkhas.

Suddenly the enemy showed in great force on the wooded spur, and conceiving that they were opposed only by a weak rear-guard, they suddenly debouched from the fire-cover and 200 charged down upon Lewarne's two companies. The Sikhs were well placed, and solidly stood their ground, though so close did the enemy come, that it looked as if it must become a *melée*. The solid front of the Kaisa Regiment was more than the Pathans could stand. The ragged line wavered and then swept back, leaving the ground strewn with their dead; it was but a few paces to the firwood ridge, but the grim Sikhs had

taken part payment for their brother soldiers lost on Saraghat Hill. To show how close the enemy came, it may be mentioned that each officer had emptied his revolver. The action was now general all along the kotal, and Colonel Abbot had been wounded. Ammunition, too, was running short. The senior officer felt that in the face of so many of the enemy, and his fifteen or sixteen wounded, he could not descend into the ravine cut valley without support, so he signalled his position. Colonel Haughton, with part of the 36th, was sent to reinforce the 15th, and two companies of the Dorsets were also detached for the same purpose. Thus supported the whole rear-guard withdrew slowly from the kotal. When they reached the terraces which make the valley it was already dusk, and Colonel Haughton found himself hampered with wounded, in a ravine country exactly similar to that in which the Northamptons had been so severely handled a week before. Moreover, the enemy were round his front and flanks, increasing in numbers as they crept up the nullahs, gaining in confidence and daring, as the night closed in, believing that they had two regiments demoralized and short of ammunition. In fact they were already taking up positions in houses at short range, and men were dropping fast.

Col. Haughton stood a moment, cool and collected, a foot taller than his tallest sepoy. He had made his disposition. He knew enough of rear-guard actions, and he knew what the two miles to camp in such a country meant. The enemy were gathering in a block of buildings on the nullah fifty yards away. "We will take those houses, and stay the night there: fix bayonets," was all he said. There was a momentary pause; men fell out to guard the wounded, then the three companies of the 15th taking the right block, the two companies of the 39th with their Colonel at their head taking the left, the line swept up. They were into the buildings before the Pathans were aware that they had a forward action upon them. Those that were delayed were bayonetted, and the rest fled precipitately into the darkness. But the loop-holed fire had been terrible, and Captain Lewarne and five men had been shot dead and one wounded. Major Des Vœux, having rushed his first clump of buildings, found them untenable, so with the mixed company of men which were with him, he rushed a second on the far side of the nullah. This proved to be one small square building, with a tiny outhouse five or six yards from its only door. Major Des Vœux at once set to work to *sungar* up the apertures between the walls of the buildings; the roof of the house had been burned, and the charred still-smoking logs lay about. The men rolled them, and what substantial litter there was, into place, and the breast-work was barely two foot high, when the enemy returned to the attack. Right up to the *sungar* they came, but they luckily fired high in their excitement, and one volley from the Sikhs swept them back again.

The Sikhs were under complete control and retained their fire, so much so that the enemy believed that they were short of ammunition, and could be heard exhorting each other to make a further rush. Then they turned and abused the defenders, saying that it was Saraghri over again, and calling Gul Badsah, Major Des Vœux's faithful Orakzai, by name. Major Des Vœux thought it expedient that they should know that they were not out of ammunition. So when the breast work was complete, he divided out the pouch ammunition, and found that he had over forty rounds per man. A sentry was posted at each face, with orders to fire a shot at intervals; and but for casual firing, they were not further disturbed. To return to Colonel Haughton's party, they found themselves in a very good position, with a square house, roof likewise burned, on the summit of a knoll of terraces, a deep nullah on two flanks, and a lesser water cutting on another. They built a little *sungar* on the one less protected flank beside a clump of trees. Just as they were settling themselves, suddenly up from their very centre sprang half-a-dozen of the enemy, who were lying low, and dashed through the ranks. Lieutenant Munn passed his sword through one and, a sepoy bayonetted another, but it shows how close these men can lie in cover. Lieut. Munn's sword remained in the man's body, but was picked up later. As the wounded were brought in, more casualties occurred, as the enemy were firing in from all sides. Lieutenant Munn himself was wounded in the wrist, after having proved himself a stout officer in a trying situation. It was bitterly cold, but it was found that the floor of the house was still hot from the burning of the roof, and the wounded and such of the Dorsets that were there lay on this for warmth. After the moon rose, Colonel Haughton's post was not much troubled.

The Dorsets' is a sad history. Those of the two supporting companies who attached themselves to the Sikhs were safe, so far as the common safety went; but a half company, under two attached officers, Lieutenants Hales and Crook, evidently tried to push their way home, instead of occupying the house they had taken, or attaching themselves to the Sikhs. They were evidently massacred, as was Macinitre's party of the Northamptons, as their dead bodies were found in a nullah in the morning. A party of the 36th Sikhs, under Lieutenant Pratt, became detached, and though only a havildar and eight men, they entrenched themselves in a deserted house, and had a perfectly peaceful night. Another party of Dorsets came in: this was Private Vicary, of Dargai fame, and two associates. They have not a very clear narrative, but they say they heard a party moving in a nullah, and challenged it, a voice answered "friend," and then they were rushed. A Pathan wrenched Vicary's rifle from him, but he took it back, and plunged it into his assailant; a swordsman then cut at him, but cut short, only cutting his boot, and this man he rolled over with rifle butt. These men got back to camp, and Vicary's rifle bears the tragical evidence of the struggle, as Pathan blood was oozing from the magazine. This brave fellow's wound is not a serious one.

In the early morning of the 17th, General Gaselee's Brigade went out to aid the belated regiments. They came in safely, and the dead and wounded with them. But it had been an anxious night in camp, for the flashes had been distinctly visible until a late hour, and it was depressing to hear the Regimental calls sounding, at stated intervals, to guide stragglers to the camp. It seems probable that although our losses on the 16th were extremely heavy, yet that the enemy was dealt a severe lesson in proportion to our losses. Lieut. Vivian, the surviving British officer of the companies rushed in the fir-clad spur, maintained that over fifty of the enemy must have been hit on that occasion—not so many perhaps in their advance, but in their disordered scramble back to cover. It being night it is impossible to estimate what were the enemy's losses in Colonel Haughton's action, but even if they were not considerable, the moral effect of a rear-guard turning upon them and bayonetting them must bear good fruit, and one cannot conceive but that the poor fellows isolated in the nullah did anything but sell themselves dearly. The camp from end to end is filled with admiration of Colonel Haughton's cool and collected enterprise, and the stout front shown by the officers and men who obeyed him during that trying night. There are other incidents from Western Maidan which occurred upon this eventful day (16th). General Westmacott fought a skilful covering action, and there was treachery attempted in the valley; but the details must wait until another letter.

NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The Eastern and Australian Co.'s steamship *Australian*, Capt. P. T. Helms, from Sydney and ports, arrived in harbour yesterday. For the subjoined telegrams we are indebted to our Colonial exchanges:—

LONDON, December 10th.

At the recent disastrous fire in London, it has transpired that most of the steam fire engines arrived with no adequate supplies of coal.

The Anglo-Indian troops which have been operating on the North-west frontier of India against the Afridi tribesmen have been withdrawn from Afridi territory.

The Indian frontier war has already cost £2,500,000.

It is reported that serious anti-Jewish riots have taken place at Bucharest and Galatz, Roumania.

MELBURNE, December 11th.

The gold yield of Victoria for the past eleven months has amounted to 719,523 ounces.

LONDON, December 11th.

It is stated that Germany intends to retain Kiaochou Bay in China.

December 13th.

In addition to Kiaochou Bay, Germany has now formally occupied about 400 square miles of country in the same vicinity.

SYDNEY, December 13th.

The A. U. S. N. Company's steamer *Fitzroy* is ashore near Port Stephens.

The passengers were all saved.

The vessel's position is dangerous.

Later.

The *Fitzroy* was wrecked early on Saturday morning.

The passengers and crew were saved with considerably difficulty.

The vessel is now fast breaking up, and no hopes are entertained of saving her.

Great fortitude was displayed by everyone on board and there was a total absence of anything like panic, although a most trying time was experienced owing to the weather being cold and rainy, many of the passengers having rushed on deck scantily clad.

One theory of the cause of the disaster is that a couple of steel girders being carried on deck affected the ship's compasses. Another theory is that the strong currents which run there carried the vessel too far inshore.

December 13th.

The wreck of the *Fitzroy* has been abandoned to the underwriters, and will be sold by auction.

LONDON, December 13th.

The British Government has warned France that Great Britain will have recourse to countervailing duties upon sugars imported from France if the system of granting bounties is retained.

At the inquest on Walter Croot who was killed by a blow over the heart by his opponent in a recent boxing match at the National Sporting Club, London, the jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

The German Budget for the present year shows a surplus of £900,000.

SYDNEY, December 13th.

Heavy floods are reported from Katherine, in the Northern Territory, which caused a break in the Port Darwin telegraph line on Friday, and communication was not restored until Sunday.

MELBOURNE, December 13th.

The Australian Wheel Race, the big cycling event run at Melbourne, was won by Carpenter.

Waine, the Queenslander, was hindered during the race by some of the other men falling in front of him.

ADELAIDE, December 13th.

M'Pherson, the member for East Adelaide, who was reported last week as being dangerously ill, is dead.

The first test match commenced in Sydney to-day. It was postponed on account of the rain which fell heavily on Saturday. Ranjitsinhji is playing instead of Stoddart, who received a cable announcing his mother's death.

The Englishmen batted first, and their score now stands at five wickets for 337 runs, Ranjitsinhji and Hirst being the not-out men.

The annual cricket match between St. Peters and Prince Alfred Colleges, was won by the former by four wickets.

SYDNEY, December 13th.

After being postponed for two days on account of the weather, the first test cricket match, England v. Australia, was commenced to-day, the weather being splendid. The English captain won the toss, and the wicket being in good condition, the Englishmen elected to bat, Mason and M'Laren going to the wickets. The scores at the end of the day's play were as follow:—

Mason, b Jones	6
M'Laren, c Kelly, b M'Leod	109
Hayward, c Trott, b Trumble	72
Storer, c and b Trott	43
Druce, c Gregory, b M'Leod	21
Hirst, not out	37
Ranjitsinjhi, not out	39
Sundries	11
Total for five wickets	338

December 14th.

The following are the scores made at the continuation of the first test match, England v. Australia, to-day:—

Hirst, b Jones	62
Wainwright, b Jones	1
Ranjitsinjhi, c Gregory b M'Kibbin	176
Briggs, run out	1
Hearne, c and b M'Leod	17
Richardson, not out	23
Sundries	12
All out for	551

The Australians went in for their first innings, but made little stand against the bowling of Richardson and Hearne, assisted by brilliant fielding. At the close of the day's play, when the stumps were drawn, the score stood at five wickets down for 86 runs. The scores were:—

Darling, c Druce b Richardson	7
Lyons, b Richardson	3
Iredale, c Druce b Hearne	25
Hill, b Hearne	19
Gregory, not out	18
Trott, hit on wicket	10
Sundries	4
Total for five wickets	86

December 15th.

The match was continued to-day, fine weather prevailing. The following are the scores made to-day:—

Kelly, b Richardson	1
Gregory, c Mason b Hearne	46
Trumble, c Storer b Mason	70
M'Kibbin, b Hearne	0
Jones, c Richardson b Hearne	0
M'Leod, not out	50
Sundries	6
All out for	237

The Australians followed on, and scored up to the time stumps were drawn for the day 125 runs for the loss of a wicket:—

Iredale, b Briggs	17
Darling, not out	70
M'Leod, not out	20
Sundries	8
Total for one wicket	125

December 16th.

Darling and M'Leod resumed their places at the wickets to-day, the latter only adding 6 to his score of the previous day. The former batted splendidly and totalled 101 when he fell to Briggs in a catch by Druce. The scores of the team are:—

Darling, c Druce, b Briggs	101
M'Leod, run out	26
Hill, b Hearne	96
Gregory, thrown out, b Hearne	31
Trumble, c Druce, b Hearne	2
Lyons, c Hayward, b Hearne	25
Trott, b Richardson	27
Jones, l.b.w., b Richardson	3
M'Kibbin, b Hearne	6
Kelly, not out	40
Sundries	27
All out for	408

The Englishmen then went in for the second innings, requiring 95 runs to win the match, but only a few minutes to time was left. Mason made 13 runs, and M'Laren 16 ere time was called, the score standing at 30, for no wickets, an extra run showing in the score.

December 17th.

Mason and M'Laren resumed batting, and the former was shortly after commencing bowled by M'Kibbin. Ranji took up the vacant crease, and with M'Laren succeeded in carrying out his bat.

Mason, b M'Kibbin	22
M'Laren, not out	59
Ranji, not out	7
Sundries	6
One wicket for	96

The Englishmen thus won the first test match by nine wickets.

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The Occidental and Oriental Co.'s steamship *Gaelic*, Capt. Wm. Finch, R.N.R., from San Francisco, *via* Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, with mails up to 7th Dec., arrived in port yesterday. From our San Francisco exchanges, we take the following telegrams:—

LONDON, December 4th.

The English Sewing Cotton Company, a combination of fifteen thread firms in opposition to Coates, was brought out on Thursday last with a capital of £2,750,000 which was twice subscribed in Glasgow alone.

A despatch from Rome to the *Pall Mall Gazette* published this afternoon says that the Pope has not been enjoying his usual health recently. Dr. Lapponi, the Pope's physician, has been obliged to adopt special precautions against the weather and has increased the number of hot sand baths which his holiness has been taking from one a week to three. This, it is explained, is the only way by which the doctor can counteract the rheumatic symptoms of the Pope which, according to the despatch, recur on the slightest exposure.

Dr. Lapponi, it is added, has forbidden the Pope to take part in any tiring function, therefore the programme mapped out of the ceremonies which were to take place on the sixtieth anniversary of the celebration of the first mass of Leo XIII has been abandoned.

From the British Consular reports it appears that Germany is beginning to seriously rival France as a champagne exporter. The making of sparkling wines in Germany has lately been brought to such perfection that German wines of all brands now rank nearly equal with French champagne and the price is much lower. Their export is chiefly to America, Great Britain, and Belgium. The French method of manufacture has been generally adopted in Germany, this being considered easy owing to the largest champagne business in France being partly in the hands of Germans.

NEW YORK, December 5th.

A *Sun* special from Atlanta says: Lieutenant Michael O'Brien, Fifth Regiment of Infantry, upon receiving official acceptance of his resignation to-day, said to a group of officers who gathered around him: "This marks out for me a new career, the first suggestion of which I received while serving as military attaché upon the staff of Marshal Oyama in Japan. There I saw such spirit and patriotism as assured me that Japan was hereafter to be reckoned in the family of nations, while China was an overgrown incongruous country which will go to pieces. It is found, in the logic of events, to be parceled out between Japan, Great Britain, Germany and Russia, and Japan is the one which will profit most. I predict that within another year there will be another great Asiatic war.

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BERLIN, December 6th.

It is deemed significant that 120 volunteers, including a number of members of the aristocracy like Count von Kessler and the Prince of Thurn and Taxis, are to accompany the expedition to Kiaochau Bay with Prince Henry of Prussia as its commander.

LONDON, December 6th.

The Vienna correspondent of the *Daily Mail* describes a sensation involving the Countess Eugenie, daughter of the wealthy Comte Circhi, who eloped some time ago with a Servian named Chevalih, supposed by her to be a captain in the Servian army.

He illtreated her recently and they separated. Now it turns out that Chevalih was only an officer's valet and had already married a Servian kitchen maid.

It developed to-day that Miss Butler wrote to Mrs. Frances E. Willard last week, resigning the superintendency of the Purity branch of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, unless the latter, as president of the World's Christian Temperance Union, unequivocally pronounced against the six propositions which the vice-president, Lady Henry Somerset, sent to Lord George Hamilton, Secretary of State for India, in April last, relative to the Indian Army, which Miss Butler described as being an "extreme form of regulation of vice."

BERLIN, December 6th.

Professor Selatograff, the well-known African traveller, died yesterday at the Island of Teneriffe of malaria.

VIENNA, December 6th.

Admiral Baron Daublebsky von Sterneck d'Ehrenstein, commander-in-chief of the Austro-Hungarian navy, died to-day of syncope.

[Baron von Sterneck was the Marine Minister as well as the Admiral of the fleet comprising the Austrian navy. It was in the war of 1866 that he made his record. He was then captain of the warship *Ferdinand Max*, which destroyed the flagship of the Italian navy, *Re d'Italia* at the battle of Lissa, thereby winning the fight for Austria. Von Sterneck was the successor of Tegethoff, who was in supreme command on that occasion, and he was held in the highest esteem because of his heroism. He was closely identified with the organization and development of the modern Austrian fleet, and though well advanced in years was regarded as the one man to be depended on in case of trouble abroad.]

LONDON, December 7th.

The *Daily Mail* reports that a party of Englishmen, including Robert Barr, the novelist, while touring the Mediterranean, were seized by Turkish soldiers at Suddah, a port of Asiatic Turkey, eighteen miles southwest of Antioch, on November 23rd last. They were detained twenty-six hours in prison and experienced much ill-treatment before they were liberated.

The *Daily Mail* says that the Government has addressed a "serious remonstrance to Turkey."

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

JANUARY.

Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1895.

Barometer	30.165
Thermometer	59.4
Humidity	74.0
Rainfall	1.67

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.

	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.25	30.20
Thermometer	57	59
Humidity	82	59
Rainfall	0.49	

TO-DAY.

Thursday, 6th January, 1898.

Chinese—*11th of 12th moon of 23rd year of Kwong-sü.*

Jewish—*13th Tebet, 5658.*

Mohammedan—*13th Shaaban, 1315.*

Sun—*Rises* *6hr. 39min.*
Sets *5hr. 28min.*

Moon—*Maximum Declination N. 1hr. a.m.*

High water—*Morning* *10hr. 33min.*
Afternoon *7hr. 46min.*

Low water—*Morning* *2hr. 57min.*
Afternoon *1hr. 12min.*

ANNIVERSARIES.

1873—Great fire at Tientsin; 1,400 famine refugees burnt to death

1889—The *Anglo-Indian* lost near Tamsui with 14 lives.

1890—Capt Roze murdered and Messrs. V. and H. Roque and their compradore captured by pirates at Dongtrien

1896—National Reform Committee arrested at Johannesburg.

TO-MORROW.

Friday, 7th January, 1898.

Chinese—*12th of 12th moon of 23rd year of Kwong-sü.*

Jewish—*13th Tebet, 5658.*

Mohammedan—*13th Shaaban, 1315.*

Sun—*Rises* *6hr. 38min.*
Sets *5hr. 28min.*

High water—*Morning* *10hr. 58min.*
Afternoon *8hr. 21min.*

Low water—*Morning* *3hr. 33min.*
Afternoon *1hr. 51min.*

ANNIVERSARIES.

1558 Surrender of Calais.

1697—The Swan River, West Australia, discovered.

1841—The forts at Chuenpi taken by the British.

1889—The Northamptonshire Regiment left Hongkong.

1896—The Japanese handed Port Arthur over to the Chinese.

SHARE MARKET.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

China Fires 107, buyers; Douglases 57, sales and buyers; Indo-Chinas 52½, buyers; Panjoms 6, sales; Great Easterns (2½ paid up) 3.10, buyers; Green Islands 34; Do. do. new issue 18½.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE:

English *(Rohilla)* 10th inst.
Indian *(Lightning)* 11th inst.
German *(Preussen)* 12th inst.
Australian *(Chingtu)* 15th inst.
American *(City of Peking)* 15th inst.
American *(Doric)* 25th inst.

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THE China Navigation Co.'s steamer *Chingtu* from Australian ports, left Port Darwin for this port to-day, and may be expected here on or about Saturday, the 15th inst.

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SHIPPING RETURNS.

From 6 p.m. yesterday to 6 p.m. to-day.

ARRIVALS.

Esmeralda	steamer,	from	Manila
Tatcheong	"	"	Pansrachan
Kiangnan	"	"	Swatow
Sungkiang	"	"	Manila
Amara	"	"	Bangkok
Siegfried	"	"	Canton
Wingsang	"	"	Canton
Loongmoon	"	"	Canton
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Hongkong, 3rd January, 1898. [54

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Agents.
Hongkong, 5th January, 1898. [1851

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THE Company's Steamship
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Captain Cass, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 8th instant, at 3 P.M.
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General Managers.
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1898. [42

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Captain Bailey, will be despatched as above on or about WEDNESDAY, the 12th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 5th January, 1898. [63

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

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THE Steamship
"ARGYLL,"
Captain Ward, will be despatched for the above on or about WEDNESDAY, the 12th instant.
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Agents.
Hongkong, 5th January, 1898. [64

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Captain Farquhar, will be despatched as above on or about the 17th January.
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Agents.
Hongkong, 31st December, 1897. [1937

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Captain Barr, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 19th instant.
For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1898. [46

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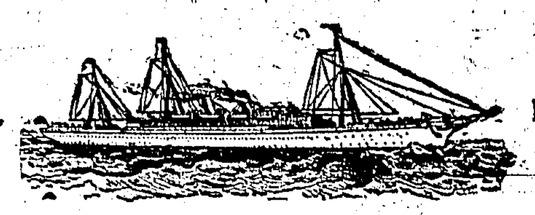
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D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Pedder's Street.
Hongkong, 29th December, 1897. [3

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VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Gaelic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).....	Saturday, 15th Jan., at Daylight.
Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)	Thursday, 3rd Feb., at Noon.
Belgic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).....	Thursday, 22nd Feb., at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship
"GAELIC"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU on SATURDAY, the 15th Jan., 1897, at Daylight.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

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Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (*or vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.*

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 2nd September, 1897. [2

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VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

City of Peking (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Tuesday, 25th Jan., at Noon.
China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).....	Saturday, 12th Feb., at Noon.
Peru (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama	Thursday, 3rd March at Noon.

THE U.S. Mail Steamship
"CITY OF PEKING"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU on TUESDAY, the 25th January, 1898, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Service, to European Officers in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

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J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 6th January, 1898. [1

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

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IN CONNECTION WITH
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Columbia	2,605	A. Gow.....	Jan. 11.
Tacoma	2,549	A. Dixon.....	Feb. 1.
Victoria	3,167	J. Trueblidge	Feb. 22.
Olympia	1,691	Dobson	Mar. 15.

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IN CONNECTION WITH
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Pelican ..	2,338	A. Gove	Feb. 8.
Braemar	3,601	E. Porter.....	Mar. 8.
Mogul ...	3,654	W. H. Wright.....	Mar. 29.

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Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate; and *one copy must be sent forward by the steamer* to the Freight Agent, Tacoma, Wash., or Portland, Or. (whichever may be the destination of the Steamer).
Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to sailing.
For further information apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1897. [4

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
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(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS).

THE Steamship
"THAMES,"
Captain E. R. Dowell, R.N.R. carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on THURSDAY, the 13th January, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

All Cargo for France and London will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1897. [5

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NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Prussia	Tuesday ...	1st Feb.
Sachsen	Tuesday ...	1st March.
Bayern	Wednesday	30th March.
Prinz Heinrich ...	Wednesday	27th April.

ON TUESDAY, the 1st day of February, at 11 A.M., the Company's Steamship "PREUSSEN," Captain P. Wetjin, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on SATURDAY, the 29th January. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M. on MONDAY the 31st Jan., and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON on MONDAY, the 31st Jan. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

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